

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY HERBERT.

Strong Recommendations—Uncle Sam Now Sevens in Importance Among the Naval Powers of the World.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 20.—The first annual report of Secretary Herbert is an interesting summary of the progress made in naval construction since the inauguration of the new American steam navy, with the result of replacing high-powered and formidable steamships nearly all of the old timbered ships that made up the naval list at the close of the war. The report also contains strong recommendations, in some cases of a radical nature, such as those touching the proper scope of our favorite cruisers, which gather weight from Secretary Herbert's long experience in naval legislation as chairman of the House Naval Committee, and his thorough mastery of the details of the Navy Department.

The report begins with a statement of the progress made since the last report, showing that the first rate size vessels have been launched in that space of time, while six new vessels have been completed, accepted, and commissioned, and cases of the requirements. In fact, the large premiums secured cause much comment. The Secretary, however, argues that the premiums are not merely gratuities, or clear profits to the builders.

There are incentives to diligence, and have not resulted in injustice to the government, for the ship-builders have always taken into their calculations when bidding for contracts, the cost of insurance. To avoid disputes which have occurred in the past, in the new contracts the contractors have been required to define the expenses of trial.

CANNON SPAR IN MANCHESTER. The report shows that the total number of serviceable war vessels now in the United States navy is 45, of which are armored. In addition there are 64 vessels on the stocks, and additional monitors, that are set down as unserviceable for war purposes. Tables are given, showing the naval strength of leading powers, and a comparison drawn from them places the United States seventh in the rank of naval strength.

The Secretary requests authority to devote the \$16,000 authorized for the construction of two monitors similar to the Virginia to the construction of three torpedo boats, and also recommends an increase of the limit of cost of the swift torpedo cruiser authorized by the act of 1890, so as to enable the department to have this class built down during the next fiscal year.

A recapitulation of the proposals issued for new vessels during the year will be given with an account of the same from the three new gunboats.

These were very much lower than any heretofore received by the government, but before accepting them the plans will be examined by a committee, which is expected to report this work.

RICHMOND AND ALEXANDRIA.

The Secretary devotes much space in his report to the discussion of naval ordnance and armor. He says that the weight of foreign opinion in favor of limiting the size of guns to 15 inches was responsible for the adoption of monitors, that he believes that the new 8-inch nickel-steel gun, ready for assembling, combining the employment of a material never before used for gun construction, will not require the use of iron armor plates after it came of age. He said further that he would go to a Keely court-martial if he could get his gun to bear.

Comment is made upon the growing foreign practice of installing on warships, both rapid-fire and smooth-bore guns as can be properly protected, and to extend the range of the rapid-firing system to guns of higher calibre.

OUR NAVAL POLICY.

Probably the most important chapter in the report treats of the naval policy of the country. Mr. Herbert, in his speech to Congress in 1885 looking to an increase of the naval establishment and Secretary Whitney's successful efforts to inaugurate a new policy in this regard, the Secretary says that he has not yet come up to the standard, whereas it should be as efficient, when compared with others, as that which the country possessed before the era of modern ships, and when our services were deemed to be in their certain place, are now, amply provided with fortifications fully up to the requirements of the age.

The Secretary says we have now building for our fleet, and the projected projects are demonstrated first-class battleships. The cruisers and gunboats we now have built and are building constitute an efficient fleet, and will prove sufficient when they shall be in commission to meet our foes in any emergency to be met in our future.

In time of war, we have our own cruisers, aided by the Paris, the New York, and the other ships being built by French yards, and the American line, which constitutes practically all of our auxiliary navy that is valuable, will be of great use as commerce destroyers.

WE NEED BATTLE-SHIPS.

But unarmored cruisers are not properly speaking fighting vessels. They can only neutralize ships, and the Secretary, "they can fight vessels of their own class, but they cannot meet armored vessels with any reasonable hope of success, and in time of war, scattered abroad over the ocean as they would be, it would be against an enemy's commerce, that would be able to have our unfortified sea-coast, with all its cities, absolutely without defense, except upon the coast, and two little second-class battleships, seven ironclad vessels and two little torpedo boats. These, if they were all concentrated, would scarcely be able to inflict a division of our fleet, and, therefore, would not furnish a battle-ship or even a torpedo-boat for the defense of each city. If we carried out such a programme, we would be unable with a fleet of battle-ships, to meet wrecks cities while we were waging seascouts."

THE SECRETARY MAKES A STRONG ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTENTION THAT THE NAVY HAS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CRUISERS AND SHIPS OF THE LINE, AND THAT THE MILITARY VALUE OF A COMMERCE-DESTROYING FLEET IS EASILY OVER-RATED.

THE AMERICAN AND SEMMES.

In proof of this assertion he cites the cruise of the Alabama and her sisterships to search for the Confederate cruisers, but he was too wise to listen to the clamor. The fleets of the United States were not to be drawn from the ports of the Confederacy; they penetrated its rivers and cut off its interior communications, and thus it was that the navy rendered service to the cause of the South, and the public value of your fully appreciated. In the meantime, in spite of deprivations, American commerce flourished. Merchants insured against war risks, and individual losses were born by themselves. Commerce was well maintained, but it dictated nothing. It would have been ineffectual even if the Confederates had possessed ten times as many cruisers, unassisted, as they were, by other vessels. In the opinion of the future, it is to have naval strength enough to command the peace and be in condition to receive the terms dictated by the force of facts and events, must have more battle-ships, and must hold a reasonable number of torpedo-boats."

ECONOMY IMPORTANT, BUT—

The Secretary says no one can value economy more highly than he does, but the safety of the country, its honor and its credit, must take precedence over economy and the programme of authorizing the building of at least some vessels at each session of Congress ought not to be interrupted now.

Thanksgiving-Day was generally observed in the country, and the old Thanksgiving, which was bought out by the proprietor of the News some months ago, and closed up, will be started again very soon as an afternoon penny paper. There is only one afternoon daily now published in this city, with a population of over 25,000.

LACKY—Denenfelle.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) YOKERTON, V. A., November 20.—The high tides, notwithstanding, matrimony seems to be the rule here. Miss Annie B. Lackey, daughter of Mr. William Lackey, and Mr. Joseph R. Denenfelle were married at 1 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents. The parlor was tastefully decorated, and the ceremony conducted by Rev. Mr. Thomas Lackey, the bride's brother, accompanied her to the altar, and your correspondent stood by the groom in his wedding dress.

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